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## Town, County leave CMRB

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore and Wheatland County have officially been released of their membership from the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB).

Strathmore Mayor Pat Fule said that he and Wheatland County Reeve Amber Link are excited to have been relieved of their memberships after discussing their intentions to exit the board for roughly a year.

"We're glad, we're relieved that we've been released from the CMRB. We just didn't think that it was a good fit for Strathmore, and Wheatland County felt the same," said Fule. "We felt that we are too far away from a lot of the things that were being planned and discussed. I've been going for four-and-a-half years as mayor and I can't think of one meeting where Strathmore's needs or situation were discussed."

Fule explained the CMRB tackled developments which were largely, if not entirely, far outside the Strathmore-Wheatland County region and were not directly to the benefit of their citizens and rate payers.

Among the benefits of being released from the board, include both monetary savings from no longer needing to travel to attend meetings but also savings in staff hours that no longer need to be dedicated to CMRB business.

"There were just so many indicators that it was time for us to be released and I'm very glad that Minister McIver came to our latest CMRB meeting," said Fule. "He was very gracious and understanding of Strathmore and Wheatland County wanting to be released from the board."

Reeve Link agreed.

"Due to our regionally insignificant projected population growth, complexities of implementation of CMRB policy given only a portion of Wheatland County was included in the Calgary Metro Region, distance from the City of Calgary and non-contiguous borders with less likelihood of significant use of shared regional infrastructure due to distances, it made sense for us to be removed," said Link.

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## Supporting Ukraine!

The Strathmore Civic Center was the site for a host of sponsors, vendors, performing artist and foodies to raise funds to support Ukraine via Red Cross Ukraine, Parachute for Pets and Canada Ukraine. Patrons were charged admittance to access authentic Ukrainian food, various market booths, face painting and Ukrainian dancers and singers. The event also included a silent auction with thousands of dollars in various items donated by local merchants. See Page 9 for more coverage.

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## Royal LePage makes \$9,707 donation to Crisis Society

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Crisis Society has received a sizable donation from the local Royal LePage Benchmark branch to supplement their operations.

Carol Manson Mcleod, executive director of the Wheatland Crisis Society, said the team was very excited when Royal LePage reached out to inform them of the donation and of its sum.

“Nonprofits, we struggle to keep going all of the time, so this is allowing us to provide some more comfort to our clients who come in, so we’re really thrilled with the donation,” said Mcleod.

Royal LePage donated a total of \$9,707 to the crisis society, which Mcleod explained was gathered from an annual fundraiser through which Royal LePage branches are able to choose their intended recipients.

She added the monetary donation from the real estate firm was not the only thing given to the team.

“This is a new relationship for us with Royal LePage, we haven’t worked with them before and in addition to the money that they gave us, they have also given us a donation of women’s sanitary products and makeup and things that we are always in need of,” said Mcleod. “Royal LePage has been more than generous with us. They identify charities that they want to give to every year and we were chosen as the local charity from their local office in order to be part of that.”

Mcleod added many of the clients who come through the doors of the crisis society have little to nothing with them and so donations such as useful products become invaluable.

“A lot of people don’t think to donate those types of things, but when people come to our shelter, they come with nothing. It really gives us an opportunity to make them feel whole again,” said Mcleod. “There’s everything from the basics, because of the cost of food going up, but also those niceties. When people (arrive) on our doorstep and they come with children, we don’t have toys, we don’t have the basic necessities of life and so these types of things allow us to provide that.”

According to Mcleod, funding for the society from the provincial government has stagnated since 2015, which has led to difficulties within

the organization to keep pace with rising costs.

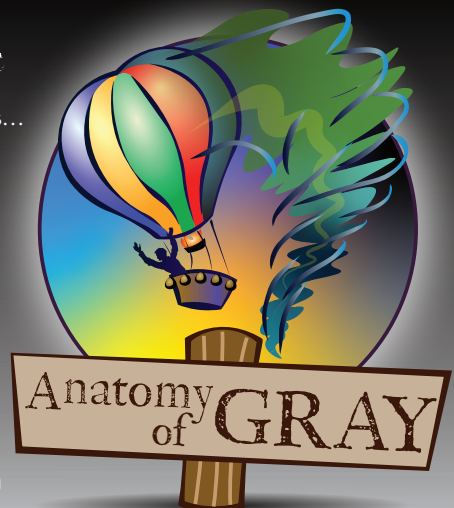
Regarding the partnership between the Wheatland Crisis Society and Royal LePage, it apparently will not end with just the lump sum donation.

“We’re actually having a drag show ... we did that a few years ago before COVID-19. On May 6, we’re having a show and Royal LePage has offered to sponsor us for that on top of this donation,” said Mcleod adding that information about the upcoming fundraising show will be forthcoming.

Royal LePage was contacted for comment, though did not reply prior to the time of publication.

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**If Canada Post changed your mailing address, please contact us to ensure your tax account is up to date.**

We are preparing to send 2022 tax notices shortly, and it’s important to have the correct address on file, as non-receipt of the tax notice doesn’t exempt you from late penalties.

**To change your address:**

- Online:** Visit [www.wheatlandcounty.ca](http://www.wheatlandcounty.ca), click on ‘Taxes’ and select the ‘Change of Mailing Address Form’. Please complete the form and email it to [tax@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:tax@wheatlandcounty.ca).
- Email us at** [tax@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:tax@wheatlandcounty.ca).
- Call the County Office** 403-361-2029.
- Visit the County Office** at 242006 Range Road 243.

Please be sure to mail the original Change of Address form to the Calgary Land Titles office.

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*Note: Under the Municipal Government Act, Section 337, a tax notice is deemed to have been received seven days after it is sent. Non-receipt of your property tax bill does not exempt you from late payment penalties.*

# Councillor Glenn Koester calls for complaint investigation to be made public

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

During the March 22 regular council meeting, Wheatland County Council raised an issue regarding a complaint previously made against Councillor Glenn Koester during a private, in-camera session.

During the council meeting, it was noted that Koester's name within the complaint was made public knowledge, however, the allegations and details regarding the County's investigation remain sealed.

Koester protested this, suggesting the confidentiality of the allegation's details are damaging to his position.

"(It) is hurtful to me and damaging to me. I am going through it, I am getting questioned and I can't answer," said Koester.

County Council voted on March 1 for administration to employ an independent third-party team to review the complaint against Koester. As of the March 22 council meeting, there remained no vote regarding the investigation.

Koester said during the meeting he felt it unfair both to himself and to rate-payers that the details are not public knowledge.

In-camera sessions of council may not be discussed in public as per Wheatland County's procedural bylaw 2018-19.

"I am named now and I can't talk to my ratepayers," said Koester. "It's the first time in 20 years I haven't been able to describe something to them being constrained as it's in-camera. It feels to me like I'm dodging the questions."

Currently, Koester does not legally have the ability to publicly respond to the allegations against him. During the recent council meeting, he advocated

his wishes that the complaint and investigation be made public so that he may openly communicate with his constituents.

"I'm being named, I find it unfair ... I think it's a flaw with the bylaw if you are going to keep it confidential,"

said Koester. "I want the complaint out ... I want the same treatment, just what I did wrong and if I was judged by the investigator."

Koester's motion has been differed until the conclusion of the investigation into the complaint against him.

## Village of Standard NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Loan Borrowing Bylaw No. 2022-02

Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, The Village of Standard has given 1st reading to Bylaw No. 2022-02 A Bylaw of the Village of Standard in the Province of Alberta to authorize lending money to a non-profit Organization.

A public hearing for Bylaw No. 2022-02 will be held in the Village of Standard Office at 120 Elsinore Avenue, Standard, AB on April 13, 2022 commencing at 8:00pm. Council will hear from any person claiming to be affected by the proposed bylaw.

Written comments or concerns may also be submitted for Councils consideration. Written submissions will be received up until 4:00pm on April 11th, 2022. Submissions should be addressed to The Village of Standard, and may be submitted Via Mail- P.O. Box 249 Standard, AB, T0J 3G0 or Via Email – cao@villageofstandard.ca.

Please be advised that the personal information in submissions made, is collected under the authority of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 33(c) and subsequent versions of the Act. All submissions provided to the Town Council will be publicly available, in accordance with Section 40(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The Loan Lending Bylaw No. 2022-02 can be reviewed online at [www.villageofstandard.ca](http://www.villageofstandard.ca), or copies may be picked up Monday to Friday at the 120 Elsinore Avenue, Standard, AB, T0J 3G0 from 9:00- 4:00 pm.

Publish Date April 1st & April 8th 2022

## Village of Standard NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 2022-03

Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, The Village of Standard has given 1st reading to Bylaw No. 2022-03, a draft Municipal Development Plan (MDP) with the purpose of guiding future growth and development in the Village of Standard. The MDP provides a framework within which the orderly, economical, and beneficial development and use of land can take place. The MDP is a statutory planning document that will help guide both private and public sector decision-making.

A public hearing for Bylaw No. 2022-03 will be held in the Village of Standard Office at 120 Elsinore Avenue, Standard, AB on April 13, 2022 commencing at 8:00pm. Council will hear from any person claiming to be affected by the proposed bylaw.

Written comments or concerns may also be submitted for Councils consideration. Written submissions will be received up until 4:00pm on April 11th, 2022. Submissions should be addressed to The Village of Standard, and may be submitted Via Mail- P.O. Box 249 Standard, AB, T0J 3G0 or Via Email – cao@villageofstandard.ca.

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The Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 2022-03 can be reviewed online at [www.villageofstandard.ca](http://www.villageofstandard.ca), or copies may be picked up Monday to Friday at the 120 Elsinore Avenue, Standard, AB, T0J 3G0 from 9:00- 4:00 pm.

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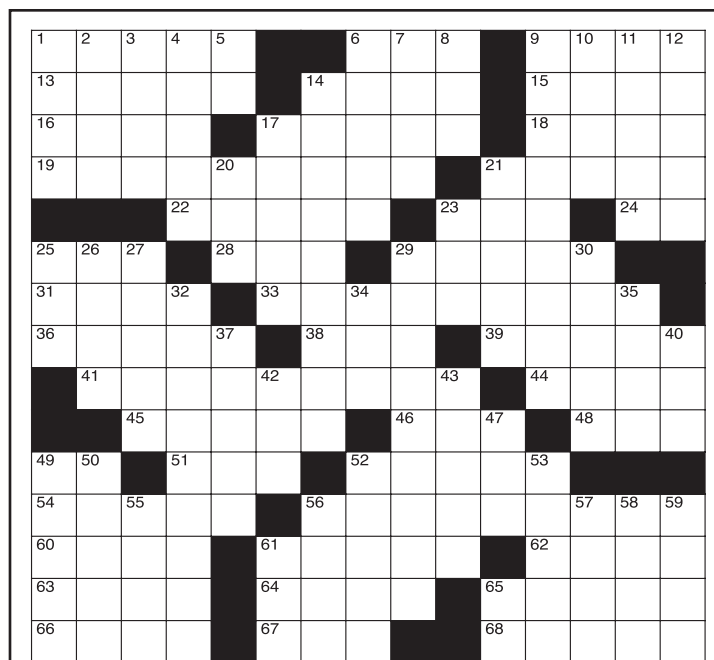
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| 6. A way to ingest                        | 41. One who takes apart              |
| 9. Large number                           | 44. Kin                              |
| 13. Southeastern Minnesota city           | 45. Dresses                          |
| 14. Cronies                               | 46. Says something about you (abbr.) |
| 15. Having sufficient skill, knowledge    | 48. Doctor of Education              |
| 16. Supplements with difficulty           | 49. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)    |
| 17. Former VP nominee Palin               | 51. Overcharge                       |
| 18. Cambodian monetary unit               | 52. Sailboats                        |
| 19. Where coaches work                    | 54. Indian musical patterns          |
| 21. Secret political clique               | 56. Predisposition to a condition    |
| 22. A type of lute                        | 60. Share a common boundary with     |
| 23. Tan                                   | 61. Wide                             |
| 24. Empire State                          | 62. Skin disease                     |
| 25. Where golfers begin                   | 63. Monetary unit of Samoa           |
| 28. For each                              | 64. Source of the Blue Nile          |
| 29. Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines | 65. Instrument                       |
| 31. Bird genus                            | 66. Red deer                         |
| 33. Popular Dave Matthews Band song       | 67. Unidentified flying object       |
| 36. Domesticates                          | 68. Bar or preclude                  |
| 38. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen   |                                      |

### CLUES DOWN

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Flying insects                   | 32. Classifies                             |
| 2. Strong alcoholic spirit          | 34. Young child                            |
| 3. Old                              | 35. Oh, no!                                |
| 4. Moves in slowly                  | 37. Astronomical period of about 18 years  |
| 5. Symbol for tin                   | 40. Not or                                 |
| 6. Having certain appendages        | 42. Poke fun at                            |
| 7. Expression of sorrow or pity     | 43. Consisting of roots                    |
| 8. Type of hormone (abbr.)          | 47. "___ Humbug!"                          |
| 9. One with an unjustified mistrust | 49. A way to remove                        |
| 10. Hebrew calendar month           | 50. A confusion of voices and other sounds |
| 11. Pure                            | 52. Keyed instrument                       |
| 12. LSU football coach              | 53. Varnishes                              |
| 14. Unbroken views                  | 55. Unpleasantly sticky substance          |
| 17. Fathers                         | 56. Unable to hear                         |
| 20. Part of a race                  | 57. A short erect tail                     |
| 21. Hairstyle                       | 58. Indicates interest                     |
| 23. Fifth note of a major scale     | 59. Flow or leak through                   |
| 25. Body art                        | 61. British thermal unit                   |
| 26. Amounts of time                 | 65. Iron                                   |
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# SWCC, Town, County partner to host new trade show

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) is partnering with the Town of Strathmore and Wheatland County to debut a new trade show this May, intended to

showcase the local region.

According to SWCC executive director Scott Silva, the event is themed after regional lifestyle to give attendees a broad sense of what is available in the community.

“We (want to) focus on and showcase a lot of attention on everything from our agri-business, our tourism sector, our industrial manufacturing and also our retailers, local farmers and artisan markets,” said Silva. “It’s something that not only the SWCC has been thinking about for some time, but now that we’re coming out of COVID-19, we’re (finally) able to do it.”

Silva said the idea has been circulating between the partner organizations for some time and with public health restrictions being largely lifted, it’s a good time to finally host the event.

He also commended the Town and County for their teams’ efforts in developing and coordinating the event.

“I think it’s been on everyone’s mind, the timing has come together really well, the Town has really stepped up ... same thing with the County. It’s really just a team effort that’s brought it together,” said Silva.

The goal of the event is to make the trade show an annual occurrence that will continue to grow.

“We want to definitely showcase everything we have to offer here in the region and so that’s why we’re going with a regional lifestyle trade show,” he said. “Within that, you’re going to see different vendors on the indoor sector where you’re going to see some of our local retailers, artisans and businesses.

“As we move around closer to the outside, you’ll see a lot of the agri-producers and tourism, but also some of the manufacturing and industrial.”

In total, the show will host 36 vendors and six non-profit organizations for its debut occurrence. Being hosted in the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Center, Silva explained there is ample room for the event to continue to grow and see more vendors in the future.

Currently, the event is funded by the SWCC though through table fees, ticket sales and sponsors. The team aims to more than make back their operating costs. As of publication, a title sponsor had yet to sign on with the event.

“We’ve got a lot of great businesses out here in the county and in the region, so we want to be able to showcase all of that. One thing that we’re trying to do is not only showcase the region to

all of our residents that live out here, but we’re also trying to attract the Calgary market,” said Silva. “There’s always a challenge, I think that’s why as

they say, ‘if it was easy everyone would do it,’ but because of our team and our board members and even our volunteers, we’ve really been able to bring it together.”

The event will be hosted May 27-28 at the SMP Sports Center. More details for potential vendors, sponsors, and regarding attendance can be found on the SWCC website ([www.theswcc.ca](http://www.theswcc.ca)).

## BBB Tip: Hiring a home inspector



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A home inspector may be a residential architect, structural engineer, or building contractor. Currently, home inspectors are not regulated on a federal level in Canada. But many provinces have their own licensing requirements. To find out what your region requires, check out this list from [Professional Home Inspection Institute in Canada](http://Professional Home Inspection Institute in Canada).

### Tips for hiring a home inspector

- Pick a home inspector who has experience, positive references, and is known for being very comprehensive.
- Ask friends and acquaintances for recommendations.
- Find someone familiar with your type of home and the issues you need to inspect.
- Ask prospective inspectors questions about their professional training, relevant experience and/or length of time in business.
- Make sure your home inspector is working in your best interests.
- Be present during the inspection.
- Ask how soon after the inspection you will receive a copy of the home inspection final written report.
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*The best bridge between hope and despair is often a good night's sleep.*

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## Town, County released from CMRB membership

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Additionally, Fule regarded that continued membership within the CMRB may have eventually led to delays or other negative impacts on significant projects within the local region, should they have been deemed not a priority of the board.

“There was a worry that being in the board could impact some of our major developments and we would be bound to follow a lot of the guidelines and rules of the board and the region. We thought there’s a lot more freedom and a lot more ability to partner with our nearest neighbors right here in our own area,” said Fule. “I (was) thinking really recently, what if we were really passionate about a project, but the board wasn’t so keen on it or felt that it was not in the region’s best interest? You always have that worry ... and now we don’t necessarily have to worry.”

The decision took effect as of April 1 for Strathmore and Wheatland County to have been released from the CMRB.

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After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19 concerns, Crowther Memorial Junior High School (CMJHS) students were once again able to participate in their annual Hockey for Hunger on March 28. The event saw the whole school cheering on fellow students in CMJHS's hockey program after gathering non-perishable donations for the Wheatland Food Bank.

John Watson Photos

# Crowther Memorial hosts annual Hockey for Hunger

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Crowther Memorial Junior High School (CMJHS) has once again hosted its Hockey for Hunger food drive on March 31, following a two-year hiatus from the event.

Linda Tucker, CMJHS principal, said staff and students were thrilled to once again be participating in the annual event.

"It celebrates and recognizes our hockey athletes in our school and our hockey program. Our hockey players have a game with each other and the entire school is here cheering them on and being excited about what's going on for those kids," said Tucker. "In addition, we are asking all of our students to bring an item for donation to the food bank here in Strathmore."

According to Tucker, the annual event is a regular occurrence within the school, though was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to ongoing public health concerns regarding COVID-19.

The idea, she added, is the brainchild of CMJHS hockey program coach Brad Huntley, who came up with the event as a way for students to both enjoy and cheer on their peers, as well as to support the community.

Donations to the food bank were not expected of students and their families,

though were encouraged in the spirit of the occasion.

"We are just grateful that students and families can donate whatever they can ... we don't expect a certain amount, just whatever folks can give we are happy to take," said Tucker. "We know that access for the food bank this year has been higher than ever before. At Christmas time, we were able to make a small donation to the food bank ... (it's exciting) that we're able to make another donation that's maybe even a little bit more substantial."

Tucker added the Hockey for Hunger event was planned roughly a month ago and was given the go-ahead to proceed so long as public health restrictions remained in their ongoing state of decline towards pre-pandemic normalcy.

Regarding the school's hockey program, Tucker said it's a source of pride for both the male and female participating students from all grades.

"We really pride ourselves at our school as having something for everyone ... and so the hockey program is just one of those things that we offer," said Tucker. "I just can't express how happy we are to be here as a whole school to celebrate and enjoy together, because that's what it's all about."

Tucker did not provide an exact count of what was donated to the food bank at the conclusion of the event.



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# Wheatland Chiefs take third at provincial championship

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Chiefs took home bronze medals at the conclusion of the U18AA provincial tournament in Calgary on April 3, soundly defeating the Wainwright Polar Kings, 5-1.

According to Chiefs head coach Colton Grant, it was a pretty good feeling to take home a win after the last

game of the season and to finish on the podium, despite not winning the whole tournament.

“It’s always tough in these things. A bronze medal is kind of tough sometimes but we wanted to win this thing, this is what we came for, to win the last game of the season,” said Grant. “To win a bronze medal, it means something to us and anytime you can go out winning the last game is a good feeling. It was a

big win for the boys.”

Grant said throughout the tournament his team excelled in setting the pace to play against most of the teams they went up against and the steady pressure is often what would lead them to victory.

Particularly during the finale for determining third and fourth place, the Chiefs often kept the Polar Kings out of reach from the goal, all the while more than doubling their shots on net.

“I think we started really good, I think we put the pressure on them, we limited their shots all (game) long, they had a hard time getting to our net and that was a big factor,” said Grant. “We frustrated them offensively and we just bided our time, we kept chipping away and finally in the third period, the dam broke and we started putting goals in the net.”

The Polar Kings finally came crashing down in the middle of the third period. With roughly 10 minutes left in the game, they incurred a five-minute major as well as a two-minute penalty simultaneously.

The two-man advantage gave the Chiefs all the space they needed to claim two more goals before the Polar Kings were back to full strength.

“It was a turning point and took a little wind out of their sails. We were able to capitalize on it, which is huge,” said Grant. “To actually be able to score some goals off of that makes a big difference and that was the nail in the cof-



The Wheatland Chiefs took home third place from the U18AA provincial tournament on April 3. The Chiefs soundly defeated the Wainwright Polar Kings 5-1 to claim their spot on the podium.

Joe Lepage Photo

fin towards the end of the game.”

Regarding the team as a whole, he added the boys have been exceptional in coming together and gelling since early on in the season, which Grant attributes much of their success to.

Particularly in a tournament setting as demanding as provincials, he explained, it made all the difference in climbing the ladder.

The Chiefs opened the tournament on March 31 with a 7-5 loss at the hands of the NWCAA Stamps. It was no April Fools joke on April 1 as the Chiefs played two games, falling 5-4 to the CAC Butchers and Packers and defeating the CRAA Blue 3-0 in the evening. Wheatland earned a hard-fought 2-2 draw versus Polar Kings on April 2.

The championship was determined by the Top 2 teams battling for gold, while the third and fourth seeds competed for bronze.

“You come to these tournaments and every single team here has won their league. They’re here for a reason,” said Grant. “It’s playoffs, everyone is banged up ... you get everything from some referees here and there, some bad bounces and there’s always adversity. It’s about how you respond to it. It’s a challenge playing two games in one day and these guys are young men, they hammer each other on the ice.”

Grant said there are likely going to be lessons learned from this season that will carry over into the next, but for now he just encourages his team to celebrate their achievement and the experience.

## Notice of Application Confined Feeding Operation

Mountain View Colony has filed Application LA22019 with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to obtain an approval to expand an existing confined feeding operation (CFO) on the NE 19-26-25 W4M in Wheatland County, Alberta. The application is to construct an addition to an existing dairy barn and increase dairy numbers from 92 to 100 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements). This will bring total animal numbers at this CFO to 100 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements), 300 swine farrow to finish, 2,000 beef finishers, 30,000 chicken broilers, 300 chicken layers, 1,200 ducks, 300 geese, and 500 sheep.

### Filing a Statement

Any person who is directly affected by the application may submit a statement to the NRCB. The statement must be received by the NRCB on or before May 6, 2022. Submissions must be made to the NRCB email address provided below. A copy of the response will be sent to the applicant for review and comment. Statements submitted regarding the application are public records and are non-confidential.

Your statement should include your name, the legal land description of your residence or landholdings, mailing address, phone number, email address, and a detailed summary that describes how you would be directly affected by this application. For further information please refer to the fact sheet “The Permitting Process for Confined Feeding Operations in Alberta” at [www.nrcb.ca](http://www.nrcb.ca) (under Confined Feeding Operations / Notice of Applications). You may also file an application for directly affected party status at this time. Additional information related to directly affected party status is available on the NRCB website.

Failure to submit a statement may affect your rights to apply for an NRCB review.

### Viewing the Application

A complete copy of the application and supporting documents submitted by the applicant under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* may be viewed **only** on the NRCB website at [www.nrcb.ca](http://www.nrcb.ca) (under Confined Feeding Operations / Public Notice of Applications) until May 6, 2022. Until further notice, the application will **not** be available for in-person viewing as the Lethbridge office of the NRCB is closed to the public due to COVID-19. If you require further information, please contact the approval officer listed below.

Carina Weisbach, Approval Officer  
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**Craveable cookies**

You know it's spring when the local Girl Guide units; whether it be the Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders or the Rangers; can be found selling their famous cookies. Derison Salituri, with the assistance of her mom Allison, were selling cookies at the Strathmore Civic Centre on April 3.

Joe Lepage Photo



**Nova Scotiabables come to Strathmore**

The welcome sounds of music, dancing and laughter resounded throughout the Travelodge ballroom as the Strathmore Musical Arts Society (SMAS) hosted a dinner and show featuring The Nova Scotiabables on April 2. The band, featuring Captain Hodgie, Eric Minden and Heidi Pittman, played many of the songs from their album 'We're gonna need a bigger boat' released in 2020. The SMAS has already scheduled several performances for this year with the next event scheduled on May 14 featuring John Wort Hanam.

Joe Lepage Photos



# County discussing affordable housing within local region

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

As of the March 22 regular council meeting, Wheatland County Council has decided to withdraw from the board in which affordable housing solutions are discussed.

The board consists of organizations within the county which offer services relating to housing and social services.

These stakeholders include but are not limited to: Wheatland Housing Management Board, Wheatland Crisis Society, Strathmore Overnight Shelter, Strathmore FCSS, Wheatland FCSS, Wheatland County Food Bank, Alberta Health Services, Calgary Rural Primary Care Network and the Strathmore Pregnancy Care.

Councillor Shannon Laprise has been attending meetings of the board on behalf of the County since Nov. 2021 and has reported back to council.

The concern she raised during the regular council meeting is that there is

no longer any merit to her attending the board's meetings as the County has little to contribute to ongoing discussions.

"I've been thinking to myself, what is our role in this coalition? I started thinking about what we have in terms of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats. And generally speaking, in some of our hamlets we do offer low-cost housing," said Laprise. "In some cases, we also have secondary suites permitted in most of our residential land-use areas."

Laprise listed transportation within the county as a weakness, given that many locations are remote from access to social services and there are limited inter-county transportation options.

Councillor Glenn Koester agreed, transportation within the county is a barrier for many, especially those who are considered to be low income or impoverished.

"I think the biggest hold-back for the county and the villages is transportation. The housing is affordable, but the

transportation to get to work is not affordable," said Koester. "There's a real crunch in Strathmore and a lot of the businesses are finding a hard time to get employees because employees don't make enough money to rent a place in Strathmore."

Koester added that despite the relative affordability of housing in the hamlets, affordable transportation to get residents to their employment still remains a discouraging factor.

"It's a tough sell – it's hard for Strathmore, but it's an opportunity maybe for people to move into the hamlet. Transportation is the biggest obstacle," said Koester. "It's expensive, what else can you say?"

Following a motion to withdraw from the affordable housing meetings, council concluded that the Wheatland Family and Community Support Services WF-CSS and the Wheatland Housing Management Board will keep council up to date on the issue of affordable housing going forward.

# Local doctor suspended from practice following CPSA tribunal investigation

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

A local doctor is facing a six-month suspension from practice following an investigation by the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPSA).

Strathmore's Dr. Altaf Khumree has been sanctioned for entering into a sexual relationship with a patient, as well as inappropriately prescribing himself unnecessary medications.

According to a release from the CPSA, a hearing tribunal in May 2020 found Khumree guilty of three counts of unprofessional conduct for entering into a sexual relationship with a patient, failing to disclose the relationship to the CPSA and inappropriately prescribing himself medications.

The release details that the sanction hearing was adjourned to allow Khumree to undergo an assessment, which would inform the tribunal's final decision.

A document released by the CPSA detailing an amended notice of hearing listed Khumree's personal relationship with his patient between June 2011 and Dec. 2014, nine occasions of prescribing himself inappropriately, failure to disclose to the CPSA a charge of criminal offense - specifically impaired driving, and his failure to disclose to the CPSA his relationship with his patient.

In the same document it is mentioned that Khumree submitted a written response to a prior complaint against him in 2016. The response notes Khumree as suggesting to his

then-partner to seek independent medical care during their relationship.

It is noted that Khumree had been providing medical care to his patient between June 2011 and April 2015. The pair are documented as having been living together between mid-2012 and late-2014.

Khumree also noted in his written response having developed an alcohol use disorder which was exacerbated by his relationship with his then-partner. Khumree sought treatment for his disorder in 2015.

The exhibit book, presented to the tribunal, contained a patient summary for the prescriptions Khumree wrote for himself, which included codeine, zopiclone and zolpidem.

According to the release, the tribunal reconvened in June 2021 to consider the assessment report and the submissions from all parties involved. The written decision was issued in March 2022 ordering multiple sanctions.

Khumree is suspended from practice for six months, with three months to be served and the rest held in abeyance pending compliance with the tribunal's orders.

Within one year Khumree must complete an education on both interactions of race, culture, medical practice and trauma-informed care, and the impact of personality types on effective interpersonal communications.

He must also pay a fine of \$5,000 and has been deemed responsible for 50 per cent of the investigation and hearing costs, which, at the time of publication, a final sum had yet to be determined.

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"Do not drink alcohol with this medication" This warning is often seen on prescription and non-prescription medications. It's a warning to be heeded. Alcohol can reinforce a sedation side effect of the medication which may make driving dangerous. It's interesting that in the past year, there has been discussion of putting a label on all bottles of alcohol saying "May cause cancer". Cancer has been linked with many types of cancer. If you are looking for a Spring resolution, abstaining from alcohol of any kind would be a good one for your better health.

There is so much health information available to people today. The internet is full of it and of course social media can be a source in information and misinformation. Check with people you trust for information about your health. Ask your doctor or pharmacist what good, reliable sources of information they would recommend.

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## Tom Blakney 1939-2022

### Tribute and Thank You Message

Tom Blakney passed away peacefully on March 5, 2022 at his home in Strathmore.

My name is Tyrone, I would like to tell you a few details about my Dad that you may not have known. Our family buried Dad at the Strathmore Cemetery on March 12th beside his Son, Tim, who passed away in 1992.

Tom is survived by his Wife, Shirley, of 59 years, three sons' Todd, Tommy, and Tyrone. Five grandchildren, Teneal, Logan, Ryley, Emmett and Fergal along with one great granddaughter, Chloe. Tom has four remaining siblings in New Brunswick, Nancy, Russ, Richard, and Danny.

Those who passed away before Tom were his parents Joseph and Nellie, a son, Tim, a grandson, Joel and his brothers, Sam and Guy.

As well there were many other relatives in Dad's life, past and present, whom I have not mentioned, but were important to him.

Tom did have many close friends, customers, and business associates who passed away before him. Dad thoroughly enjoyed people. He found it difficult to lose someone he knew.

Dad was born Thomas Patrick Blakney on March 18th, 1939 in Moncton New Brunswick, which was Dad's second home. His real home was Alberta, as he arrived in Calgary in 1960, and never looked back.

Tom loved the West, the prairies, mountains, and the overall attitude, people, and lifestyle here in Alberta.

Tom and Shirley made a very good decision to move out to Strathmore in 1975.

This was the perfect place to raise their family. The family of four boys moved into a new house in Westmount and joined a good neighborhood with great people.

Tom started a new business in July 1976, called Big "S" Automotive Parts Ltd. with humble beginnings which he owned and operated for 35 years, before selling the business to Gregg Distributors and retiring.

The business did well, as Big "S" was a regular destination, for many locals and the surrounding farm community. Big "S" was the Farmer's Store, and never forgot its agricultural roots.

Other industries did emerge in the area such as oilfield and construction which also helped the small company to grow to having a staff of up to 20 people.

Tom would tell you that running his business was demanding and stressful, but enjoyable at the same time. Big "S" was blessed to have many outstanding employees over the years.

The employees were dedicated and brought lots of talent, pride, and work ethic to the business. Many of the employees made Strathmore their permanent home and are solid members of the community.

Without the contribution of the many Big "S" employees since day one, the company would not have been successful. Tom and his employees had a lot of fun over the years engaging with regular customers. The great relationships built between employees and customers were legendary and continue today.

Employees were like family to Tom, he enjoyed them all, and tried to help wherever he could to make their lives better.

Tom loved the Strathmore and surrounding Wheatland community. This community gave Tom and his family so much support and gained lasting friendships.

Having served at times, four generations of farm families at the counter was a privilege. Supporting numerous community events was also something Tom was happy to do. He had a good life living in this wonderful community.

Tom was a charter member of the Kinsmen Club of Strathmore, which has completed many great projects for people of Strathmore to enjoy every day.

Tom had a great network of local friends, whom along with his wife Shirley, they thoroughly enjoyed and remained active in these friendships right up to his passing.

Tom was proud of his sons and grandchildren. Their activities and life accomplishments brought him a lot of satisfaction. He particularly enjoyed spending time with all of his family out at the cabin in the Shuswap region of B.C.

In speaking with Dad many times about his life, he mentioned that he had few regrets. Being a young man to travel out West on his own in the early sixties took some courage. With very little formal education, he accomplished far more than he imagined. Hard work, common sense, and determination helped make him successful in business.

Work was Dad's main hobby and he enjoyed it. Most of all, Tom enjoyed other people's accomplishments more than his own, especially if he was able to help those people in some way.

Dad would agree, if there was one regret, it would be dealing with health issues and the challenges of getting old living with the daily aches and pain, which many of our seniors today



are dealing with. Unfortunately cancer was detrimental for Dad.

Many of you folks reading this message will have your own recollections and memories of Tom Blakney. I know it was important to Dad that being fair and having mutual respect meant a lot to him. Dad valued good relationships with people, he cared, and always tried to do the right thing.

On behalf of the Blakney family, I would like to express our sincerest 'Thank You' to the Strathmore and surrounding community for your condolences and support given since Dad's passing. Your cards, phone calls, flowers, messages, food brought to the home, were very much appreciated by us, Tom's family.

On the day of his celebration gathering held at the Royal Canadian Legion, no.10, which was March 12th, your support and turnout was amazing. Thank you so much for coming out to remember Dad and celebrate his life.

The family would like to give a massive thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary for providing a warm and welcoming place to visit with each other, while they served for us a delicious lunch and refreshments.

Thank you Big "S" employees from all over the years as your presence on that day would have made Dad so pleased as you were all important to him.

Thank you Phil from Fernie Auto Parts, a business that Dad established along with his brother in law in the early nineties, and eventually sold to Phil, and is doing very well today.

Thank you Big "S" customers who were there to remember Dad and support the family, you were also important to him, as he considers you his friends.

A very special Thank you to Mom and Dad's dear closest friends, you are and always have been true blue, outstanding, generous, loyal, and caring as you have been lifetime friends. Thank you so much for all you have done for Dad and will continue to do for Mom and our family.

Thank you all for supporting and being customers of Big "S" Automotive Parts Ltd. over the 35 years of existence. Big "S" was a family business along with dedicated employees. It was a pleasure to serve you all.

Our family will miss Dad very much. He was so helpful to all of us. Tom took care of his family, always, Thank you Dad. Dad is no longer suffering, I can only hope that he is enjoying his second life. We will appreciate him even more now that he is gone and will keep him alive in our memories and conversations every day.

Thank you everyone who knew Tom and was helpful and kind to him, especially to his doctor's and medical staff locally and in Calgary as you helped him live as long as he was able to.

I wish everybody well and thank you all again for the memories and the good times ahead.

Best regards,  
Tyrone Blakney

## Liberals and NDP join forces

MARTIN SHIELDS  
Member of Parliament Bow River Riding

The Liberals have officially entered into an agreement with the NDP for the next three years. What does this mean? Well not much. We know the NDP has been propping up the government for a number of years and now it's just official. For starters, in exchange for some big spending promises, Jagmeet Singh and his NDP party promise to support Justin Trudeau's Liberal government for the next four budgets and all confidence votes. The NDP is hoping they will get something out of this, but they may be waiting a long time. Simply put, the NDP want stability in government because they cannot afford another election. They want promises sprinkled in there and they will keep the government in place so they can have some relative peace.

Under Jagmeet Singh, the NDP has become near unrecognizable to the once steadfast and principled party of the late Jack Layton. Despite disagreeing on policy and ideology, I would venture a guess and say that many people could respect the NDP for standing up for their principles.

These days however, the NDP have sold out to the Liberals for pittance that isn't even guaranteed. Nothing in this agreement states the Liberals must stay true to their word – and do you really believe the NDP can continue holding the government to account as an 'opposition' party with a deal like this in place? What this does guarantee is that the NDP will attempt to remain relevant by taking credit for government spending initiatives. Even though the real winner in this deal is the Prime Minister – now officially governing as though he has a majority government.

This means the Liberals can pass bills without concern for cost, adding to the over \$1 Trillion debt Canada already has. We've known for some time that the NDP have propped up the Liberals, but now they're put pen to paper. To quote an article from the Globe and Mail: "In Mr. Trudeau's mind, the 'essential work' of Parliament is to pass Liberal government bills with as little debate as possible, as would happen in a majority. Once again, he has subverted the role of Parliament to his political interests."

I have heard from constituents on the phone, through emails and in person countless times about their concern regarding the Prime Minister's actions and law-making processes. They describe to me the very real worry that our government seems to be slipping into dangerous territory with bills like C-11 (online censorship act) and the previously enacted Emergencies Act. By broadening its powers, this government seems intent on controlling (or trying to control) a good chunk of Canadians' lives. Experts from many sectors are concerned. University of Ottawa law professor Michael Geist has come out strongly against C-11 and even the former PC Minister Perrin Beatty – who helped write the Emergencies Act – was against its invocation.

Help me hold this government to account by following me on social media and signing up for my e-newsletter: Facebook: @MartinShieldsBowRiver, Twitter: @MartinBowRiver, Instagram: @MartinShields\_BowRiver or E-Newsletter (scan code with smartphone).

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## Strathmore supports Ukraine

Dobre Food and Catering, in collaboration with the Town of Strathmore, hosted a Ukraine Fundraiser on April 3 at the Strathmore Civic Centre. Patrons enjoyed various market booths, face painting, Ukrainian dancers and singers and the option to purchase a meal from the Ukrainian buffet.

Joe Lepage Photos

## Alberta Blue Cross soon to open CCRP applications

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Alberta Blue Cross has brought back its COVID Community Roots Program (CCRP) for 2022, with applications soon to open.

Since 2020 when the program was initiated, Alberta Blue Cross has awarded over \$260,000 in grants to 59 projects across rural Alberta.

“The CCRP started in 2020 as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We wanted to do as much as we can to help support communities in Alberta,” explained Sheena Moore, communications officer with Alberta Blue Cross.

“We have had some communities that have been awarded grants multiple times, but it does shift. We have communities from all over Alberta that have received grants through the CCRP.”

Strathmore was awarded a \$5,000 grant through the CCRP in 2021 to establish the Station Community Garden behind the municipal library.

The Town of Strathmore partnered with Communities in Bloom, Strathmore FCSS, Strathmore Municipal Library, Indigenous Liaison and the Happy Gang Society in their application for the grant, which assisted in funding the garden’s construction.

“It’s, from what I understand, to help community groups and organizations promote physical and mental wellness, socialization, cultural knowledge, natural spaces and intergenerational learning,” said

Moore.

Brian Geislinger, vice president corporate relations for Alberta Blue Cross, emphasized the intent to support community organizations at a grassroots level.

“We’ve all been hard hit by COVID-19 and the pandemic over the last two years, so we saw really high interest in this program,” said Geislinger. “We got questions from organizations that were eager to see us continue the program and even though the pandemic has eased off, a lot of communities are still dealing with the lingering effects.”

Geislinger added that following the wave of grants in 2021, the Alberta Blue Cross received very positive feedback from the Strathmore community and organizations which contributed to establishing the garden.

He said it was unclear whether an organization local to Strathmore would apply again for a CCRP grant but hopes to simply continue supporting grassroots organizations and projects.

“We’ve had a number of inquiries from across the province already,” he said. “So, we’re seeing some early interest in the program, which is really gratifying and hopefully as we’re continuing to spread over the program over the next couple of months, we expect to see a lot of interest in it again.”

Information about the program, as well as the application process are on the Alberta Blue Cross Website. Applications for 2022 grants will begin to be accepted on April 4.

## Setting the facts

LEELA SHARON AHEER  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

I want first to congratulate John Kittler and the UCP Chestermere-Strathmore board for winning their arbitration and being reinstated as your board.

This has been a very difficult and trying couple of months for these amazing volunteers who are professionals and have busy lives and have dedicated their time to all of us in the riding.

I am so grateful for their faith in me and for the incredible work they do.

We have seen incorrect statements suggesting that our board was at fault for a technicality regarding the announcement of the Jan. 8 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Here are the facts: the UCP party executive director Dustin Van Vugt is responsible for verifying the date of our AGM and the advance notification required by our bylaws in section 6.2 in our governance.

The issues of membership fraud were never brought to the discussion because the arbitration panel decided that the technicality was all that was required to reset the AGM – which at the end of the day, was all that John Kittler’s board wanted.

Thank you to Tom Kent and the arbitration panel for their excellent work. This situation could have been resolved within days of the Jan. 8 date, but the Party decided to drag this out for months. Thank you to John’s board for their resilience and commitment to our riding. We can now get back to work and focus on our upcoming nomination race.

It was such an honour to sing the national anthem

to kick off the start of an attempt at a world record for the world’s longest hockey game, all in support of the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation. These amazing warriors will be playing non-stop hockey for 261 hours. Please come and cheer them on at the Chestermere Recreation Centre.

Thank you so much to the Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Society for their incredible performance in Strathmore last Sunday. The folks from our riding came out by the hundreds to support Susan at Dobre Foods and the Town of Strathmore to raise money for our Ukrainian sisters and brothers.

Thank you to Pat Fule, Mayor of Strathmore, Reverend Kern from the Anglican church in Strathmore for the peace prayer, Ukrainian choir, Ukrainian dancers and magician Malcolm Russell.

Vendors included were Rocky Roadz Ice Cream and Mini Donuts, the Nut Man Company, Comforting Souls Birdie Abodes, Grandma Num Num’ Baking, Essential oils, Thirty-one, Color Street Nails, Deborah’s Tickle Trunk of Treasures, Soul Healing Reiki & Gemstone Jewelry, Fifth Avenue Jewelry Kraft Creations, the Lions Club, Girl Guide Cookies, Parachutes for Pets and Custom Apparels.

Corporate sponsors provided face painting and balloons, Easter egg painting, a coloring contest, cookie decorating and private session with a magician.

Finally, thank you to all the volunteers. It was such a privilege to participate with all of you!

As always, we love to hear from you.

(Leela Sharon Abeer is the MLA Elect for Chestermere-Strathmore)

## TIMES CLASSIFIEDS

### Obituary



**POSTLEWAITE, Ila Nadine**  
(nee Mellsen)

February 2, 1935 - Standard, Alberta

March 24, 2022 - Calgary, Alberta

Nadine Postlewaite passed away peacefully on March 24, 2022, at the age of 87 years. Photos, memories, and condolences can be shared with Nadine’s family through [www.calgarycrematorium.com](http://www.calgarycrematorium.com).

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### Obituary



**BINNING, Carolyn Louise (Hayes)**

April 24, 1941 – March 28, 2022

Carolyn Binning of Strathmore, formerly of Standard, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2022, at the age of 80 years with her loving family by her side.

Carolyn was the third child of Stewart and Ella Hayes and was raised on the family farm east of Arrowwood. In her youth, Carolyn was very involved in the Canadian Girl Guide Movement and proud to be awarded her Gold Cord in 1958. Later she dedicated many years of service to the 1st Standard Co. as Lieutenant and Captain. Carolyn received her Stenographer’s Certificate at Lethbridge Secretarial College and started her career at Nobleford Cultivators; a job she loved. She met her true love, Duane Binning, at a dance in Mossleigh. Duane and Carolyn were married in 1961 in a double wedding with Carolyn’s sister Lois and Walter Leadbeater. Duane became Principal of Arrowwood School and there they began their life together. After five years in Arrowwood they moved to Standard where they resided for 46 years, later moving to Strathmore in their retirement. Carolyn and Duane enjoyed 58 wonderful married years together.

Carolyn was an exceptional homemaker. She sewed clothes, made countless costumes for the skating carnivals, and was exceptionally gifted in baking and decorating beautiful cakes, creating lovely quilts and keeping the flower beds pristine. She made our house a home. Carolyn was a founding member of the Standard Figure Skating Club and a very proud Lifetime Member of the Standard Lionettes. Many days were spent RV’ing throughout Canada and the US. She and Duane also enjoyed several cruises and many winters at their home in Arizona.

Carolyn leaves behind daughters Laurie (Sheldon) Watt of Carbon, Norma (David) Deisman of Strathmore, Joan Binning of Calgary, and Debra (Warren) Kapaniuk of Whitehorse. She is also lovingly remembered by her eight grandchildren Tanner Watt, Danika (Kyle) Kalmbach, Kristine (Joe) Elliott, John Deisman (Hiransh Popat), Jeff Deisman (Courtney Martiniuk), Krystal Deisman (Josh Erl), Wyatt Kapaniuk and Emmett Kapaniuk, as well as great grandchildren Troy and Lola Deisman, Amaya Deisman, Lincoln and Emilia Kalmbach, and Duane and Benjamin Elliott. Carolyn was predeceased by her husband Duane, her infant son Dennis, parents Stewart and Ella Hayes, brother Ron Hayes, and sisters Lois Leadbeater and Susan Schalin.

The family wishes to express our most sincere thanks and gratitude to Tammy, Carrie and Kirra in your exceptional and devoted care of our Mom. She felt very fortunate and grateful to have each of you in her life these last few years. Thank you also to our Mom’s community of support at Sagewood including her wonderful neighbours who all look out for one another.

Funeral Service will be held at the Standard Community Hall (150 Yorick Avenue, Standard, AB) on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made directly to Standard Memory Lane (Village of Standard, Box 249, Standard, AB T0J 3G0) or to the Standard Lionettes (Box 343, Standard, AB T0J 3G0).

To send condolences, please visit Carolyn’s obituary at [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca)

**Wheatland Funeral Home**  
Strathmore, AB 403-934-4404

### Obituary



**LYONS, David Kay**

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we announce the passing of David Kay Lyons on April 3rd, 2022.

Born on April 9, 1941 in Calgary, Dave grew up farming near Rockyford, AB, taking over the farm at a very young age after the passing of his father.

A dedicated son, husband, father and grandfather, nothing meant more to Dave than his family. He was a selfless person and made many sacrifices throughout his life for those he loved.

He and his wife of 47 years, Carol, looked after his mother and raised four busy children while keeping the farm going.

Always an entrepreneur, Dave farmed for 25 years before transitioning into business ownership, where he was known for being hardworking, honest, and positive.

He loved to read and had a passion for learning, getting his pilot’s licence later in life and eventually buying and flying his own plane.

Dave was full of life and good humour and always had a good story to tell that usually ended with his big laugh.

He loved the outdoors and had a way with animals, he had many great dogs in his life who loved him as much as he loved them.

Dave was predeceased by his loving wife, Carol Lyons (Thurston) in 2013.

He will be lovingly remembered by his family, Lorissa and Rene Pelletier and their daughters Brenna, Leah and Eden; Mike and Rhonda Lyons and their children Matt, Cassidy and Kaylie; Jan and Trevor Wathen and their daughters Tatum, Daylen and Bailee; Jeff Lyons and Eva Kanovich and their children Hannah, Justin and Anika.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Strathmore United Church (410 – 4 St. Strathmore).

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## Obituary



**FALKENBERG, Mervin**  
August 15th, 1948 - Tuesday, March 29th, 2022

Mervin Falkenberg passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, with family at his side at Bethany Riverview in Calgary at the age of 73, after a lengthy time living with Lewy Body Dementia. He was the beloved husband of Janet (Bergstresser). Born in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Mervin moved with his family from Winnipeg to Calgary in 1979. He is survived by his wife Janet, two sons Sean (Shon) and Dean (Sherry), and grandchildren Kingston and Jodeanna. Devoted son of Alex and Leona Falkenberg (both pre-deceased), Mervin was loved and adored by his surviving siblings; Gordon (Sue), Allen (Pat), Norma (Brian Shrimpton), and numerous loved and cherished nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Mervin was a career Accountant (CMA) holding executive positions at Enterra Oilfield (Key), Badger Daylighting, and numerous consulting positions, as well as spending 20 years operating a greenhouse business (Greenview Nurseries) with his wife and son, retiring in 2016. We cannot thank the Staff at Bethany Riverview enough for the care and support during our beloved father and husband's final years. We also want to thank the many Nurses and Doctors over the years for supporting our family as we navigated this journey. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mervin's name to Bethany Riverview or the Calgary Parkinson's Society (for research). A Celebration of Mervin's Life will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Habebe's Banquet Hall (2611 37 Ave NE #1, Calgary, AB). To view and share photos, condolences and stories of Mervin please visit [www.choicememorial.com](http://www.choicememorial.com). Arrangements entrusted to the care of Choice Memorial Cremation & Funeral Services (403) 277-7343.

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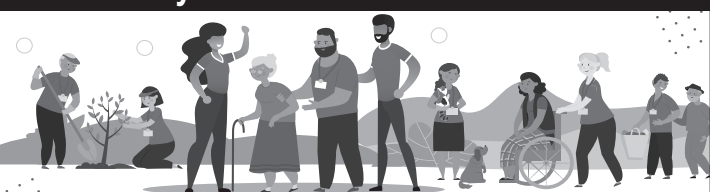
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Conterra Industries is an equal opportunity employer that strives to provide a workplace environment that encourages productivity and rewards performance. We are looking for a career oriented individual to join our team. The successful applicant must be hardworking and willing to learn.

*The Position - Full Time Hourly*

- Sandblasting & Powder Coating
- Product Assembly includes: assembling equipment to installing motors, hydraulic cylinders, and building and stalling hydraulic hose assemblies.
- Forklift Operation
- Shipping and Receiving of products

As the business grows, this position has the potential to grow into additional aspects of manufacturing.

We are looking for experience in one or more the following areas:

- Sand blasting and powder coating / painting
- General Labour
- Farm Hand
- Assembly Experience
- Fabrication Welding
- Mechanical experience

Valid Class 5 Drivers license is required. Must be a team player with the ability to work unsupervised and efficiently while meeting schedule goals. This is a great opportunity for someone looking to develop a career in Strathmore.

Conterra Hours of operation are: Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm, some weekends may be required. Benefits available, References required

Please email resume with a cover letter stating hourly expectations to [amunro@conterraindustries.com](mailto:amunro@conterraindustries.com) or drop off your resume at Conterra Industries We thank all who apply, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Position will remain open until filled.

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## HEAVY ITEM GARBAGE APRIL 18-22, 2022

HIG returns the week of April 18-22! Place all items at your regular garbage pickup location by 7:00 am on April 18 and affix with an HIG or mattress sticker. Stickers are available for free at the Strathmore Municipal Building anytime prior to April 18.

Examples of HIG Items:

- Washers, dryers, dishwashers, and stoves
- Furniture (sofas, love seats, tables, chairs, dressers etc.)
- Mattresses, bed frames, and box springs
- Carpet (must be rolled and no longer than 4ft)
- Separated/salvageable metal materials (small quantity)
- Small amounts of lumber (4ft length, bundled and tied)
- BBQs (propane removed)

Learn more about HIG or Trash to Treasure at [Strathmore.ca/HIG](http://Strathmore.ca/HIG)

## TRASH TO TREASURE APRIL 14-17, 2022

Trash to Treasure Days encourage residents to put any usable items out prior to the Heavy Item Garbage collection so others can pick them up and give them a new home.

Donators:

- Mark your unwanted but reusable items with an HIG tag and place at same location you would place items for HIG collection.
- At the end of the Trash to Treasure Days remove any items you want to keep
- Leave items out that you want collected during HIG week

Collectors:

- Take only items marked with a HIG tag
- Respect others' properties
- Do not discard unwanted items on another resident's lawn



## Extra compost waste

Weekly green cart pickup returns the last week of April. Green carts are picked up weekly from May 1 to October 31 and every two weeks from November to April.

Do you have lots of compost waste to get rid of? Fill your green cart first and void packing down contents in your cart. Materials may become stuck in the cart, and the truck may not be able to fully empty it.

Excess organic waste can be placed curbside in a compostable bag so long as it has a green tag. Extra green tags can be picked up at the Strathmore Municipal Building.

Learn more at [Strathmore.ca/GreenCart](http://Strathmore.ca/GreenCart)



## Garbage cart ID numbers

**Did you know that on the side of each garbage cart is a unique identification number that the Town uses to track and identify where a cart belongs?**

That's where you come in! We're looking for your help in updating our data to ensure the accuracy of these ID numbers. Keeping an accurate log of garbage carts will also help everyone locate carts when they are lost or stolen, or blown away by the wind.

Please submit your address and cart ID number through one of the following options;

1. Filling out the form at [Strathmore.ca/WasteID](http://Strathmore.ca/WasteID)
2. Calling 403-361-2108
3. Welcome desk at the Strathmore Municipal Building
4. Email the below to [infrastructure@strathmore.ca](mailto:infrastructure@strathmore.ca)

Strathmore Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Green Cart ID: 118-000 \_\_\_\_

